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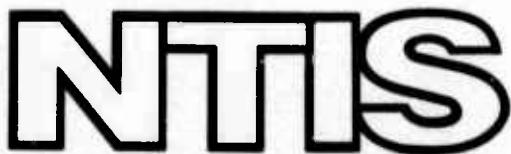
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species produced in chain reactions initiated by atmospheric oxygen atoms with fuel constituents. The output of these chemical studies are input to chemistry models which are used in the analysis and correlation of test results.

This semi-annual report details the current results obtained in experimentally and theoretically understanding the important radiation producing chemistry of high altitude fuel afterburning. The first section summarizes the experimental investigation of infrared chemiluminescence associated with oxygen atom attack of fuel species in the Flow Discharge Facility. The second section presents the results of experimental beam measurements of the intermolecular potentials of oxygen atom collisions with various plume species for use in theoretical calculations of vibrational excitation. The vibrational excitation calculations are summarized in section three of this report. *(My)*

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PART I: Infrared Chemiluminescence from Oxygen  
Atom Attack on Fuel Species.

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## INTRODUCTION

The energy released in an exothermic chemical reaction can take several forms depending on the reaction path. The chemical energy of the reactants can be converted into translational energy of the products or it can be converted into internal energy of the products or some combination of both. The internal energy can be distributed among the electronic, vibrational, or rotational modes of the product molecule or molecules. If the product is elevated to a quantum state which has an optically allowed transition to a lower state, then the resulting light emitted permits the study of the reaction path leading to the internal energy. The observation of radiation associated with this non-equilibrium process thus provides information regarding the fundamental chemical kinetics of the reaction (e.g., Charters and Polanyi (1960); Polanyi, 1966; Pacey and Polanyi, 1971; Kushafar, et al, 1971). It also provides the opportunity to assess the presence of one or both of the reactant partners in an unknown mixture of reactant gases. This capability is of considerable interest in the air pollution monitoring field and is applicable to both local and remote monitoring of exhaust gases (of rockets as well as automobiles) in the presence of an oxygen atom environment. In the spectral region of wavelengths from  $1\mu$  to roughly 20 or  $30\mu$ , the emitted light generally characterizes vibrational transitions which can result when the exothermic reaction produces a new bond in a heteronuclear molecule.

In previous work (Krieger, Malki, and Kummller, 1972; Malki, 1972; Krieger and Kummller, 1973) we have investigated the light emitted by reactions which might be expected to occur under conditions appropriate to hydrocarbon combustion in the upper atmosphere. First, we identified the potential radiations on the basis of the known ground state chemistry and energetics. Second, we identified the visible and near infrared (7000-9000A) emission which illustrated the presence of both electronically and highly vibrationally excited OH early in the reactor time scale. Third, we estimated the quantum yield for the emission of photons at  $2.7\mu$  (Kummller, Fisher, and Malki, 1973) using non-dispersive techniques for  $O+C_2H_4$ . While the indirect evidence appeared to strongly support OH as the radiating species in all of the previous work, we had not been able to obtain the direct spectral evidence needed to positively identify the radiator. In this work, we have concentrated on providing the spectroscopic measurements necessary to achieve the identification for a variety of potentially important systems:

(1) $O+C_2H_4$	(6) $O+C_2H_6$
(2) $O+C_2H_2$	(7) $O+C_4H_{10}$
(3) $H+NO_2$	(8) $O+C_3H_6$
(4) $O+HCHO$	(9) $OH+CO$
(5) $H+HO_2$	(10) $OH+C_2H_4$

## EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE

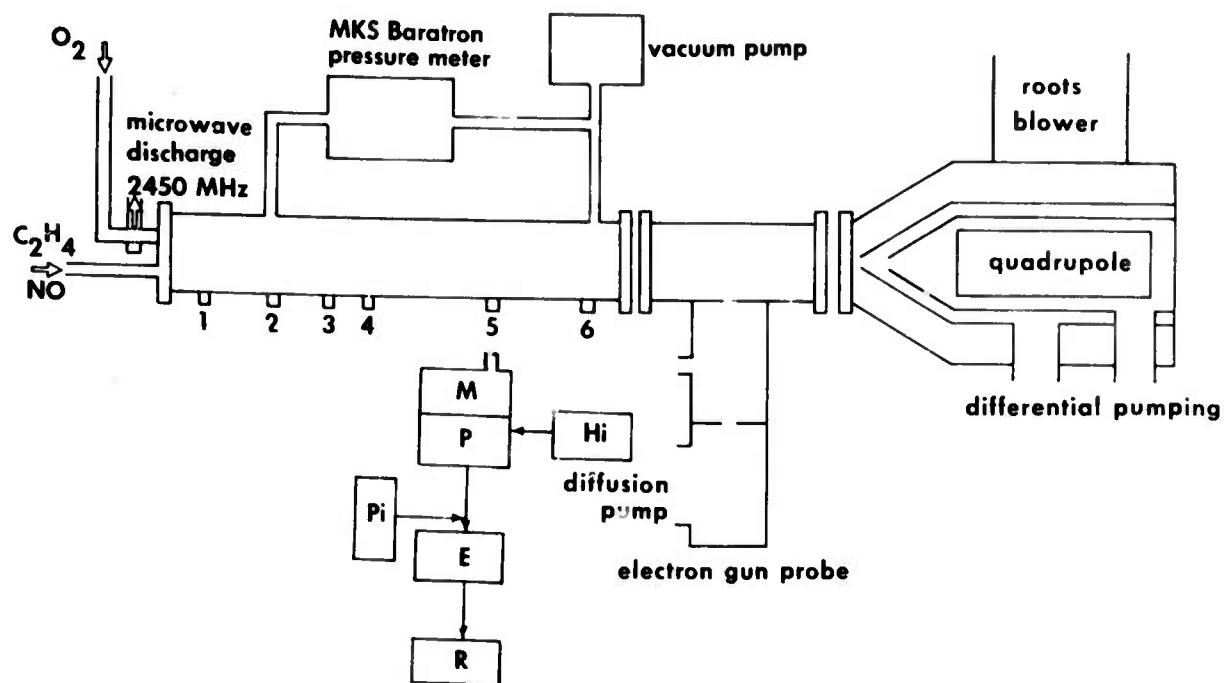
All experiments were conducted at roughly 1 Torr total pressure using a discharge flow system shown schematically in Figure (1). This system is very similar to that previously described by Krieger, Malki and Kummler (1972) and by Malki (1972). For convenience we will repeat that description as follows.

The flow tube reactor is a 4 ft. long stainless-steel tube with a 1 inch I.D. teflon tube liner which aids in preventing wall recombination of some atomic species. It is provided with six ports for radial viewing through quartz windows (Muffaletto Optical Company, Baltimore, Md.) Two additional ports were used for measuring the absolute pressure and the drop in pressure across the reactor. Linear average velocities up to 80m/sec (with 70 m/sec being a typical velocity) were achieved when the pressure in the reactor was about 1 torr using a Heraeus Englehard (E-225, 147 cfm) mechanical pump and Roots Blower.

A Baratron (MKS type 77) capacitance manometer with a three Torr head was employed to monitor the reactor pressure to better than  $0.1\mu$  accuracy. An alphatron (type 520) and a transducer (Viatran model 304, 0 - 15 psia) were the pressure sensing devices used to monitor ballast tank pressures. Their respective locations and functions in the system are illustrated (as well as other equipment) in Table (1).

The detectors used for this work are the PbS detector (Santa Barbara Research ITO type) in conjunction with a phase sensitive lock-in amplifier (PAR HR-8) for IR detection, and the photomultiplier detector (RCA C31025C) in conjunction with an electrometer (Keithley 602) for detection of visible emission.

Figure 1. Schematic of Flow System. M is a mount for the PbS detector (P), supplied by a high voltage power supply (Hi), E is the PAR HR8 phase sensitive lock in amplifier, and R is the recording system.



**Fig.1 -Schematic of Discharge Flow Tube Reactor and Detection System**

Table I

## Equipment Itemization

Category	Equipment	Make & Model	Specifications	Comments
P Measuring	Baratron	MKS (type 77)	1 $\mu$ is read with 1% accuracy. 0-10 Torr.	A variable capacitance sensor measures pressure independent of the kind of gas. P fluctuations limit accuracy to 1 $\mu$ .
	Alphatron	(type 520)	5% accuracy 0-1 atm.	$\alpha$ particle ionization head measures the pressure (see calibration, Appendix V).
Recorders	Transducer	Viatran (Model 304)	Range (0-15 psia); sensitivity, 1 Torr	
	X-Y Recorder	Honeywell (Model 560)	Range (50 $\mu$ V- 50V)	
	Chart Recorder	Honeywell (Electronic 194)	Range (0.1mV- 150V)	Chart speed 10 min/in to 1 sec/in two channels.
Power	Pulsed Micro- wave Power Genera- tor	Raytheon (Model PGM 10x2)	Input (105- 130v), 60 cycle, 385W. Variable out- put up to 85 watts at 2750 MHz.	A pulsed system with an Evansen type cavity.

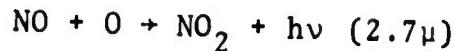
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Equipment Itemization

Category	Equipment	Make & Model	Specifications	Comments
Amplifiers	High Voltage Supply	Keithley	200-2200 volts	
	High Voltage Supply	Pacific Design	1-2000 volts, 10 mA.	
	Phase Sensitive Lock-In Amp	PAR (HR8)	100mV-500mV, range. Time constant, 1 m sec-100 sec.	Provides phase sensitive detec- tion for recovery of weak signals.
	Low Noise Amplifier	PAR (113)	Full output voltage to 300 KHz.	
Detectors	PBS Detector	Santa Barbara Research Center (type 8471, ATO)		Used for infrared detection.
	Photomultiplier	RCA (Model (C31025C)	Spectral response range (200-916 mano- meters).	Used for visible observations.
	Photomultiplier	RCA (1P28)		Used for O titra- tion.
	2.7 $\mu$ Filter	Optical Cooling Lab	See transmission Appendix I	Used for OH <sup>†</sup> ob- servations.
Filters	678 $\mu$ Shortwave cut off filter	Corning (CSN, 258)	Appendix I	Used for O titra- tions.

Table I (Continued)  
Equipment Itemization

Category	Equipment	Make & Model	Specifications	Comments
	.610 $\mu$ Shortwave cut off filter	Corning (CSN, 262)		Used for O titra- tions.
Oscilloscope	Oscilloscope	Techtronics 556	Dual beam type instrument, provides accurate voltage and time measurements. Complete independent operations of two beams.	Used for velocity measurements.

In order to get absolute emission values, the system had to be calibrated using the reaction (Fontijn et al, 1964)



The actinometric standard of Fontijn, et al was extended into the  $2.7\mu$  region using the data of Kaufman (1973).

The oxygen atoms were generated by passing oxygen (Cryogenic sales 99.6%) pure or diluted in He (Cryogenic sales 99%) through an Evansen type cavity discharge powered by a 2450 MHz Raytheon PGM 10X2 diathermy unit.

The oxygen atoms were passed into the flow tube reactor through a closed end teflon tube with a radially multi-perforated exit stream. This permitted thorough mixing and a plug flow pattern at the point of mixing due to the turbulence caused by introducing the gas through a "showerhead" gas inlet. The plug on the end of the teflon piece served also to prevent the discharge region radiation from reaching the observation ports through scattering. The oxygen atom concentrations were measured by using the  $\text{NO}_2$  titration technique (Kaufman 1964 ).

A steady state flow of the gas typical of the experiment ( $\text{O}_2$  or  $\text{O}_2 + \text{He}$  or  $\text{H}_2 + \text{He}$ ) was obtained. Then the microwave generator was turned on. Argon or Helium is usually used to keep the free atoms and radicals at low combinations, thus preventing recombination. It helps stabilize the discharge and it also served to keep the pressure in the reactor constant allowing a reasonably constant linear velocity upon adding the ground state gas.

Helium contributes most of the pressure in the reactor (~1 torr) while the ground state stream (NO, NO<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, etc.) and the O<sub>2</sub> or H<sub>2</sub> are relatively small fractions of the total pressure.

The phase angle on the lock-in amplifier changed as one moved the PbS detector downstream and as the pressure changed in the flow tube. This had to be checked for all experimental data points. The reference to the PAR was taken from the pulse generator of the PGM 10X2. The pulse rate of the discharge was adjusted so that a single pulse of atoms traveled down the flow tube. This typically required repetition rates of 34 Hz to 100 Hz. The duty cycle for most measurements was 50%.

A pressure base line and a zero intensity base line were recorded on a two channel Honeywell electronic 194 recorder. As the ground state gas was added to the reactor, the intensity of the light emitted from the excited species was recorded with the corresponding preset scale on the lock-in amplifier. Utilization of the capillary flow meter permitted direct measurements of the intensity vs. upstream pressure at the capillary using the PAR, the Viatran pressure transducer and a Honeywell Model (56) XY recorder.

A run that involved the reaction NO + O → O<sub>2</sub> + hv accompanied every set of data to put the lock-in amplifier readings on an absolute basis. A titration for oxygen atoms was also done as a part of the system calibration. The PbS detector with the PAR HR8 was used to monitor the intensity peak of the reaction NO<sub>2</sub> + O → NO + O<sub>2</sub> as a function of NO<sub>2</sub> concentration.

## THE MECHANISMS

### A. $O + C_2H_4$ and $O + HCHO$

The mechanism for oxygen atom attack on ethylene is well established in terms of ground state chemistry and Malki (1972) has investigated the emission at  $2.7\mu$  in considerable detail.

The reaction of oxygen atoms with ethylene has been phenomenologically found to produce infrared radiation, at least partly in the  $2.7\mu$  region (Malki, 1972). The major effort of this work is devoted to the qualitative explanation of that radiation in terms of detailed spectra on which to base molecular mechanisms. The general ground state system of intermediates resulting from the combination of  $O$  and  $C_2H_4$  is well established primarily from the discharge-flow-tube-time-of-flight mass spectrometric study of Niki et al (1969) and the direct observation of the products  $CH_3$  and  $CHO$  in the high intensity crossed beam experiment of Kanofsky et al (1972). These two studies along with the similar flow tube mass spectrometric work of Herron and Penzhorn (1969) have established that the primary elementary step (90%) in the reaction mechanism is



The eventual stable products formed by secondary reactions include  $H_2CO$ ,  $CO$ ,  $H_2$ ,  $O_2$ , and  $H$ . Consideration of the temporal behavior of these products as well as isotopic experiments led Niki, et al (1969) to postulate that the following reactions occur:





Water was not observed to be a product of this system by Niki but his system employed very small concentrations of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  with O in excess, so that the OH concentration and hence the rate of the reaction:



were both small. In a more general case,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  might be a significant product, and it could be a significant radiator as well.

Both OH and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  are produced by exothermic reactions in the above sequence under conditions where each is the new bond formed by a neutral rearrangement reaction. Under conditions such as this, it is well established that a significant fraction of the exothermicity of the reaction can appear as vibrational energy in the new bond (Smith (1972); Pacey and Polanyi (1971); McGrath and Norrich (1957); Parker and Pimentel (1969); Jonathan, et al (1971); Stair and Kennealy (1967); Hushfar, et al (1971) and many others).

The Basic mechanism is illustrated in Figure 2 and detailed in Table II.

## OXGEN ATOM ATTACK ON ETHYLENE

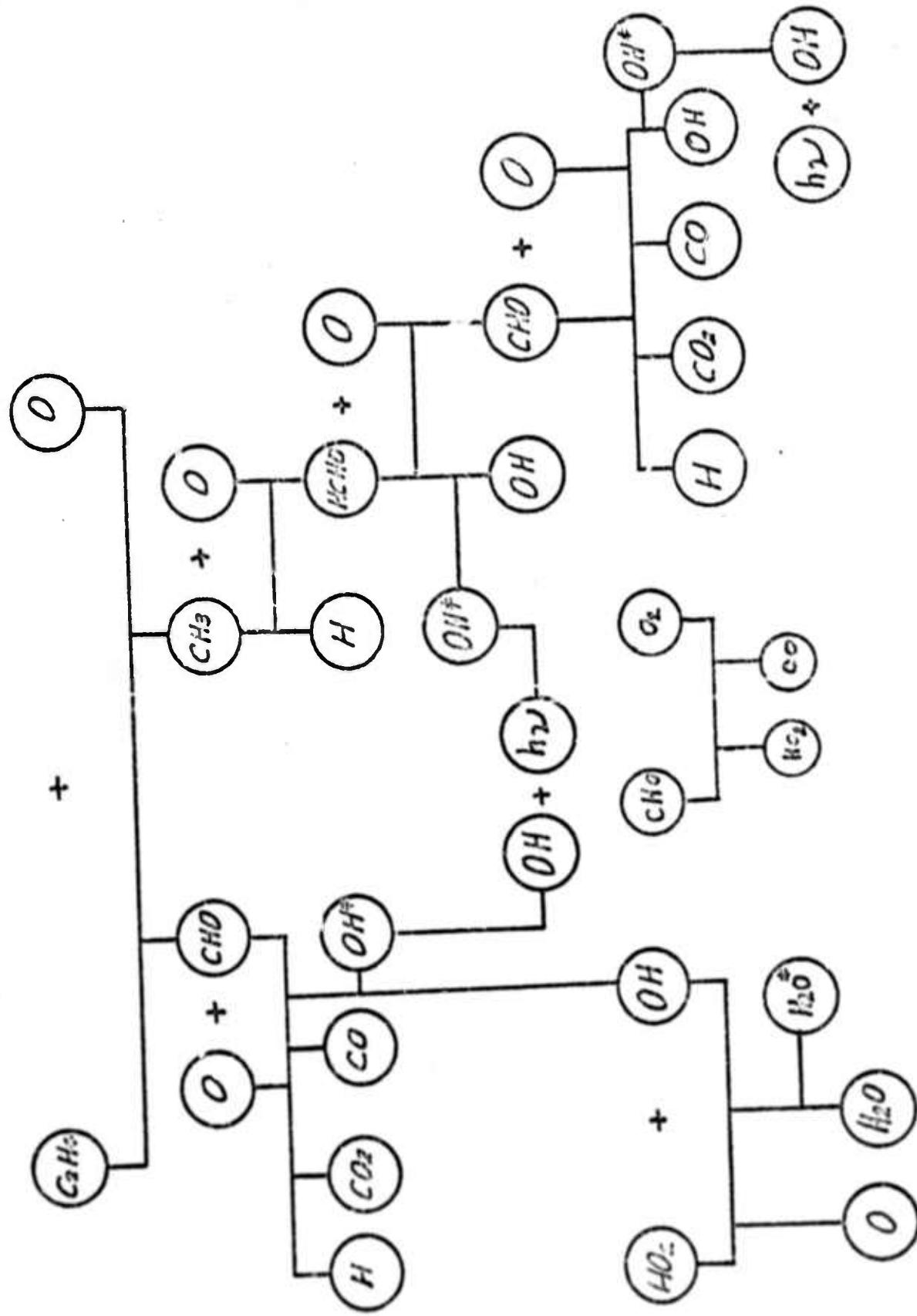


Figure 2. Schematic of the Reaction Mechanism Proposed

TABLE II (from Malki, 1972)

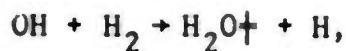
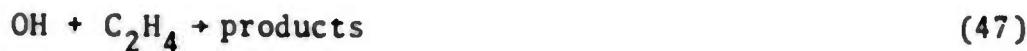
Reaction	Rate Constant, 300°K	Reference	$\Delta H_r$ $\frac{k \text{ cal}}{\text{g mole}}$
1. $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \text{O} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3 + \text{CHO}$	$8.42^{-12}$	Davis, et al (1972)	-42.45
2. $\text{CH}_3 + \text{O} \rightarrow \text{HCHO} + \text{H}$	$3.0^{-11}$	Niki, et al (1969)	-66.54
3. $\text{HCHO} + \text{O} \rightarrow \text{CHO} + \text{OH}^+$		Calculated	
4. $\text{CHO} + \text{O} \rightarrow \text{OH}$	$1.0^{-12}$	Niki, est.	-73.09
5. $\text{CHO} + \text{O} \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}$	$3.0^{-13}$	Niki, est.	-98.05
6. $\text{OH} + \text{O} \rightarrow \text{O}_2 + \text{H}$	$5.0^{-11}$	Kaufman (1964)	-16.79
7. $\text{CHO} + \text{H} \rightarrow \text{CO} + \text{H}_2$	$4.0^{-12}$	Niki, et al (1969)	-75.62
8. $\text{OH}^+_{(v=1)} \rightarrow \text{OH} + \text{h}\nu$	3.3	Potter, et al (1971)	
9. $\text{CHO} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO} + \text{HO}_2$	$2 \times 10^{-13}$		-18.88
10. $\text{OH}^+ + \text{O} \rightarrow \text{O}_2 + \text{H}$	$5.0^{-11}$	Kaufman (1964)	
11. $\text{OH} + \text{OH} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}$	$2.5^{-12}$	Dixon-Lewis et al (1966)	-16.95
12. $\text{OH} + \text{OH} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}^+ + \text{O}$	$2.5^{-13}$	Estimate	
13. $\text{CH}_3 + \text{O}_2 + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{O}_2 + \text{M}$	$8.0^{-32}$	Heicklen	
14. $\text{H} + \text{O}_2 + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{HO}_2 + \text{M}$	$3.0^{-32}$	Kaufman (1964)	-47.4
15. $\text{H}_2\text{O}^+ + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{M}$	$1.0^{-12}$	Estimate	
16. $\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{h}\nu$	30	Penner (1959)	
17. $\text{HCHO} + \text{O} \rightarrow \text{CHO} + \text{OH}$	$1.6^{-13}$	Niki, et al (1969)	-24.77
18. $\text{CHO} + \text{O} \rightarrow \text{CO} + \text{OH}^+$		Calculated	
19. $\text{OH} + \text{HCHO} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}^+ + \text{CHO}$	$1.4^{-12}$	Estimate	
20. $\text{OH} + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{H}$	$6.6^{-15}$	Greiner (1969)	-119.234

21.	$\text{OH} + \text{HO}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2$	$1.0^{-11}$	Kaufman (1964)	-71.87
22.	$\text{HO}_2 + \text{O} \rightarrow \text{OH} + \text{O}_2$	$1.0^{-11}$	Lloyd (1970)	-54.2
23.	$\text{H} + \text{HO}_2 \rightarrow \text{OH}^+ + \text{OH}$	$1.0^{-12}$	Crutzen (1971)	-38.4
24.	$\text{OH} + \text{HO}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2$	$1.0^{-12}$	Estimate	
25.	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \text{O} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3 + \text{CHO}^+$	$5.2 \times 10^{-14}$	Estimate	
26.	$\text{CHO}^+ + \text{O} \rightarrow \text{CO} + \text{OH}^+$	$1.0^{-11}$	Estimate	
27.	$\text{H} + \text{HO} \rightarrow \text{OH} + \text{OH}$	$1.0^{-11}$	Estimate	
28.	$\text{O} + \text{HO}_2 \rightarrow \text{OH}^+ + \text{O}_2$	$1.0^{-12}$	Estimates	
29.	$\text{CO} + \text{OH} \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}$	$1.5^{-13}$	Wilson (1972)	
30.	$\text{OH}^+ + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{O}_2(\text{b}^1\Sigma_g) + \text{OH}$	$3 \times 10^{-14}$	Potter, et al	
31.	$\text{OH}^+ + \text{H} \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{O}$	$1 \times 1.0^{-12}$	Estimate	
32.	$\text{O}_2(\text{b}^1\Sigma) + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{O}_2 + \text{O}_2$	$3 \times 10^{-16}$	Estimate	
33.	$\text{O}_2(\text{b}^1\Sigma) + \text{O} \rightarrow \text{O}_2 + \text{O}$	$2 \times 10^{-13}$	Estimate	
34.	$\text{O}_2(\text{b}^1\Sigma) + \text{H} \rightarrow \text{O}_2 + \text{H}$	$2 \times 10^{-13}$	Estimate	
35.	$\text{H} + \text{HCHO} \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{CHO}$	$1 \times 10^{-13}$	Westenborg and Dehaas (1972)	
36.	$\text{CHO}^+ + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO} + \text{HO}_2$	$1 \times 10^{-11}$	Estimate	
37.	$\text{O} + 1/2 \text{O}_2$	137	Estimate, wall deactivation	
38.	$\text{H} + 1/2 \text{H}_2$	137	Estimate	
39.	$\text{OH}^+ \rightarrow \text{OH}$	137	Estimate	
40.	$\text{H}_2\text{O}^+ \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}$	137	Estimate	
41.	$\text{CHO}^+ \rightarrow \text{CHO}$	137	Estimate	
42.	$\text{O}_2(\text{b}^1\Sigma_g) \rightarrow \text{O}_2(\text{x}^3\Sigma)$	137	Estimate	
43.	Dummy			
44.	$\text{OH}^+ + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{OH} + \text{M}$	$1.5 \times 10^{-14}$	Estimate	
45.	$\text{OH}^+ + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{H}$	$1 \times 10^{-14}$	Estimate	
46.	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \text{OH} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3 + \text{HCHO}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-12}$	Morris & Niki (1971)	

In the general case, as in Figure 2, both the OH fundamental and the  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$   $\nu_3$  band could be expected to contribute to emission near  $2.7\mu$ . In order to simplify the initial kinetic system, Malki (1972) decided to work at small  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  concentration in order to minimize the  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  production. In addition, the  $\text{O}_2$  concentration was minimized in order to avoid the reactions



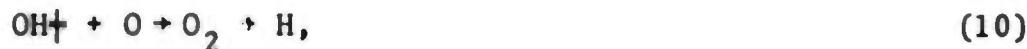
The minimization of the  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  also prevented significant contributions from



as well as minimizing the contribution of



to the OH loss. Under such circumstances, the major OH loss process will be via

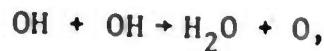


which is extremely fast, even for the ground state OH molecule.

In fact, reaction with O as a homogeneous loss process is so rapid that  $\text{OH}^+$  deactivation on the wall, which would be diffusion controlled even if every wall collision were effective in deactivation, can be neglected. In the present work the entire range of stoichiometric possibilities were covered in order to test all of the above hypothesis.

B. H + NO<sub>2</sub>

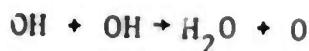
The reaction products for this system have been established by Kaufman to be NO + OH. Energetically, only two quanta of vibration can be given to OH in the creation of that new bond. Kaufman accounted for nearly all of the product in the ground vibrational state through absorption spectroscopy. We had previously investigated this reaction via emission spectroscopy and agreed that the quantum yield for vibrationally excited OH was very small. A complicating factor is the reaction



in which the product H<sub>2</sub>O could also radiate in the 2.7 $\mu$  region. Hence, radiometric measurements alone at 2.7 $\mu$  could not distinguish between OH and H<sub>2</sub>O emission, although kinetic considerations would favor OH. The rate constant for



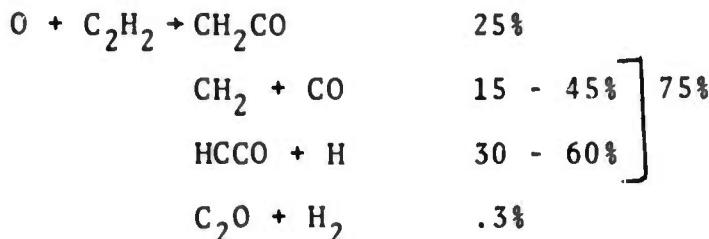
is  $4.9 \times 10^{-11}$  cc/sec at 300°K, whereas the rate constant for



is  $2.5 \times 10^{-12}$  cc/sec.

C.  $O + C_2H_2$

The product of oxygen atom attack on acetylene has been established by Kanofsky, et al (1972) and by Jones and Bayes (1972) to be



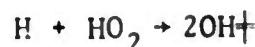
with HCCO being rapidly consumed by O atoms to give



Thus, CO is a major species formed by very exothermic reactions so that highly vibrationally excited CO is expected from this system, but little or no OH or  $H_2O$  is expected.

D.  $H + HO_2$

The reaction



has been studied by Charters and Polanyi, (1960). Those authors concluded that this very rapid reaction produces vibrationally excited  $OH^+$ .

## INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY: RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In order to establish the mechanism for O atom attack on reactive hydrocarbons and thereby quantify and interpret filter-kinetic data, in both the visible and infrared, we have taken extensive spectral measurements in the  $1-3\mu$  region, using a Jarrel Ash quarter meter monochrometer and an ITO Pbs detector. The total pressure for these measurements was about  $1000 - 1200\mu$ .

The wavelength calibration for this region was achieved using the CO first overtone generated by the reaction of  $O + C_2H_2$  illustrated in Figure 3. For most of the spectra, the resolution was better than  $0.03\mu$  so that the location of the maxima between 2.33 and 2.61 provides an excellent calibration.

For the oxygen atom attack on ethylene, three prominent features are observed. The first is near  $1.4 - 1.5\mu$  which could be  $H_2O$ , OH first overtone, or CO second overtone. The second feature appears near  $2.3\mu$  which could be the CO first overtone observed in Figure 3 for the  $O + C_2H_2$  system. The third feature occurs near  $2.7\mu$  and could be either the  $H_2O v_3$  band or the OH fundamental. Precise identification of the emitting species from the spectra alone is difficult because of several reasons. First the system is highly non-equilibrium in nature with the vibrational temperature of the emitting species far exceeding the rotational and kinetic temperatures. Thus equilibrium spectra cannot be used for easy comparison. Second, the overlapping of spectra from two or more species which is certainly expected in the case of OH and  $H_2O$  does not permit unique identification of band shapes. Third,

Figure 3. The first overtone of CO generated by reaction of O atoms with  $C_2H_2$  in a fuel rich system at 1 torr total pressure using a Jarrel Ash quarter meter monochronator with  $1000\mu$  slits.

$1000\mu$  SLITS,  $100\mu$  F.S.,  $\tau=3$ , 2/5 RPM MOTOR, 2 MIN/IN,  $71\mu$   $C_2H_2$ ,  $16\mu$  O,  $808\mu$  He,  $200\mu$   $O_2$  1st WINDOW.

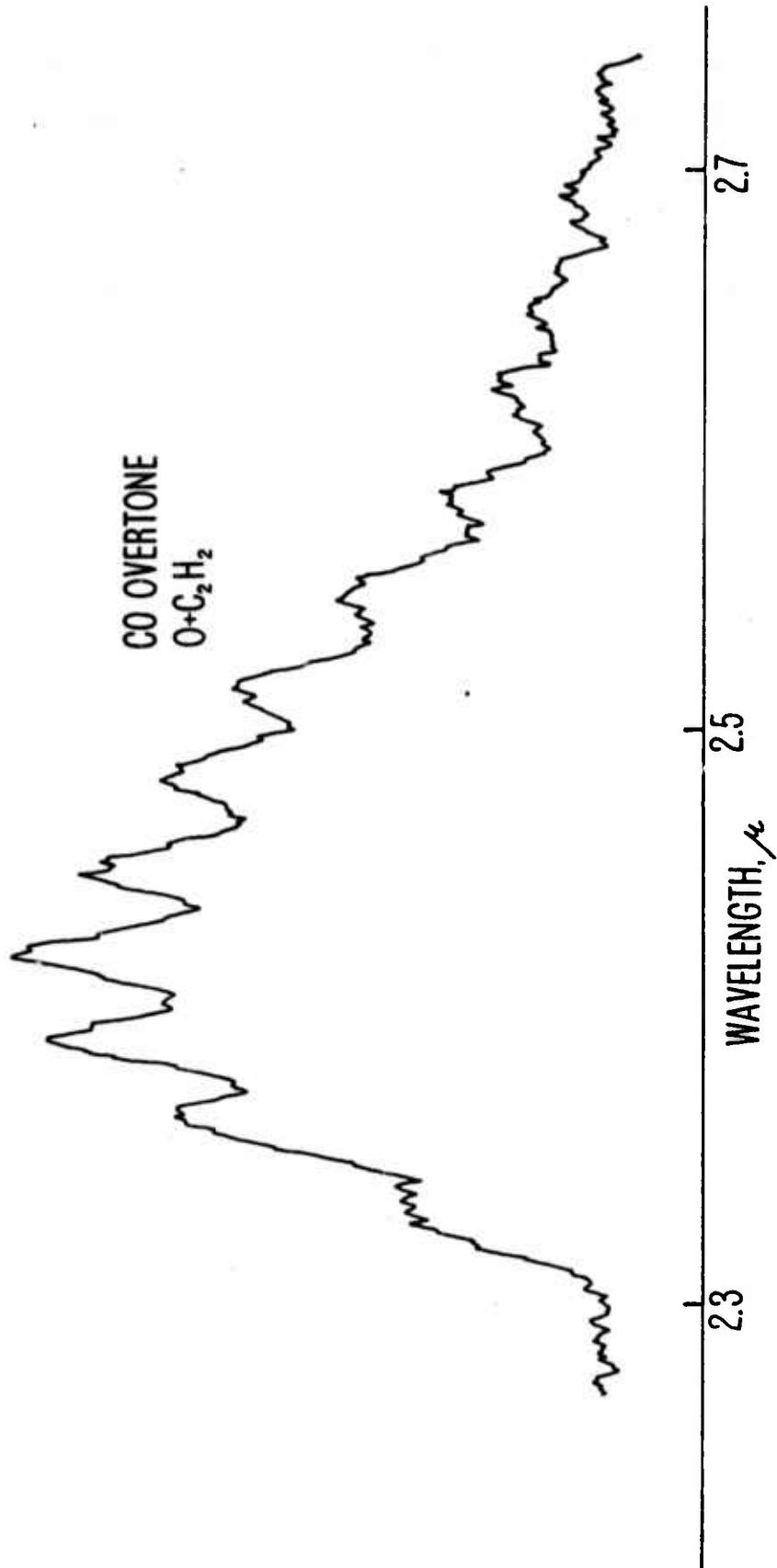
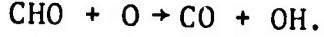


Figure 3.

the relatively low resolution spectra do not permit exact location of individual line positions. Therefore, in addition to the spectra themselves, we have employed the kinetic arguments previously discussed in order to plan and interpret changes in the spectra as a function concentration and additives.

First, we expect that the spectrum in a large excess of O atoms and for small concentrations of HC ( $<1\mu$  Malki, 1972) should show a predominance of OH emission over  $H_2O$  emission, at least for short contact times. In addition, CO emission should also be predominant under these conditions (low HC, short contact times) since CO is a direct product of the reaction which produces OH :



It is presumably unlikely that CO is a new bond in this reaction and thus we initially did not expect to see the CO first overtone from ethylene oxygen atoms unlike the acetylene plus oxygen atom case. Water is produced by a subsequent reaction of OH with another hydrocarbon fragment. Hence  $H_2O$  emission should be quadratically dependent on the hydrocarbon concentration.

To test these ideas, we examined the spectra from very small concentrations ( $<1\mu$ ) to nearly  $100\mu$  of ethylene. In Figure 4, we illustrate spectra taken at constant resolution and a constant contact time of about three milliseconds over an ethylene concentration range of  $2\mu$  to  $85\mu$ . As illustrated in Figure 4, the  $2.7\mu$  peak predominates over the  $2.3\mu$  peak at low concentrations but the reverse is true at high concentrations. In addition, there are two features at  $2.3\mu$  which also undergo an intensity reversal. Clearly, a quadratic dependence of the intensity is not observed.

Figure 4. The near infrared emission spectrum generated by the reaction of O atoms with ethylene for various concentrations of ethylene at a contact time of less than 2 msec and an oxygen atom concentration of approximately  $10\mu$ .

STARTING FROM BOTTOM CURVES:

$2\mu\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  (1)  $1000\mu$  SPLITS,  $20\mu$  v F.S.,  $10\mu$  F.S.,  $\tau=10$ , 5 min/in,  
1 RPM,  $200\mu\text{O}_2$ ,  $800\mu\text{He} \sim 11\mu\text{O.}$ , 1st WINDOW

$3\mu\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  (2)  $1000\mu$  SLITS,  $20\mu$  v F.S.,  $10\mu$  F.S.,  $\tau=10$ , 5 min/in, 1 RPM  
 $200\mu\text{O}_2$   $800\mu\text{He}$ ,  $\sim 11\mu\text{O.}$ , 1st WINDOW

$10\mu\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  (3)  $1000\mu$  SLITS,  $50\mu$  v F.S.,  $100\mu$  F.S.,  $\tau=10$ , 5 min/in, 1 RPM  
 $800\mu\text{He}$   $200\mu\text{O}_2$ ,  $11\mu\text{O.}$ , 1st WINDOW

$45\mu\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  (4)  $1000\mu$  SLITS,  $50\mu$  v F.S.,  $100\mu$  F.S.,  $\tau=10$ , 5 min/in, 1 RPM  
 $800\mu\text{He}$   $200\mu\text{O}_2$ ,  $11\mu\text{O.}$ , 1st WINDOW

$85\mu\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  (5)  $1000\mu$  SLITS,  $50\mu$  v F.S.,  $100\mu$  F.S.,  $\tau=10$ , 5 min/in, 1 RPM  
 $800\mu\text{He}$   $200\mu\text{O}_2$ ,  $11\mu\text{O.}$ , 1st WINDOW

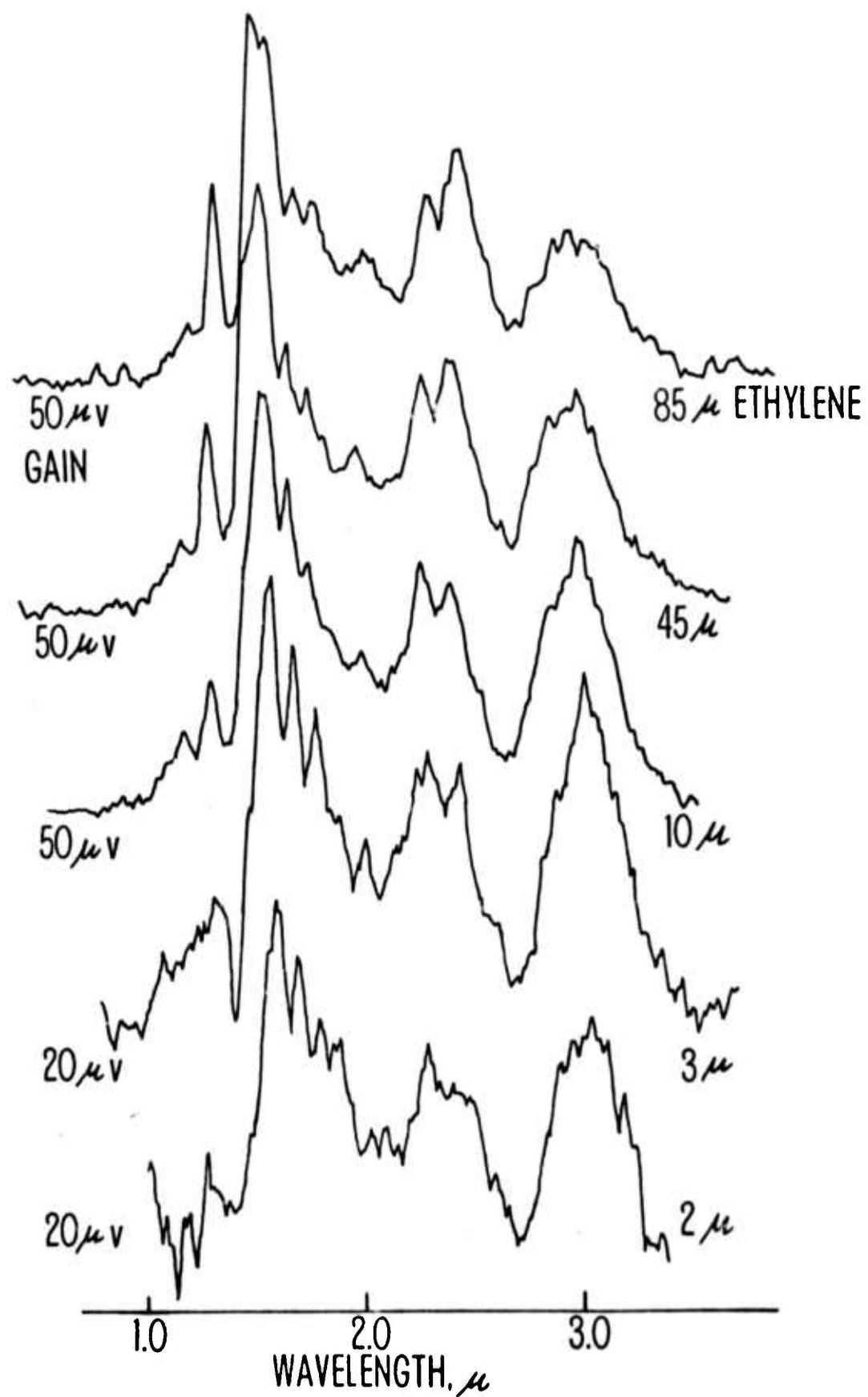
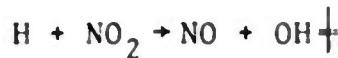


Figure 4.

The feature at  $2.7\mu$  is very similar to the observed OH intensity from the reaction



obtained by Murphy (1971), illustrated in Figure 5. That reaction is 77 Kcal exothermic. The reaction of CHO + O is even more exothermic and hence many overlapping transitions from OH  $\Delta v = 1$  are possible in both cases. A cleaner spectrum of OH in which a maximum of two vibrational quanta can be excited can be obtained from the reaction



At concentrations of  $NO_2$  sufficiently low, the primary step occurs in a few milliseconds, while the recombination of OH to yield water requires tens of milliseconds, presumably via the reaction



In Figures 6 and 7 we illustrate the spectrum for O +  $C_2H_4$  and the spectrum for H +  $NO_2$  taken at  $(H) \approx (NO_2) \approx 4.5$ . Two overlapping  $\Delta v=1$  transitions are possible at  $2.7\mu$ , but only one  $\Delta v=2$  transition, with a resulting narrower peak is possible at  $1.4 - 1.5\mu$ . Again in this system, a quadratic dependence of the intensity of  $H_2O$  emission on  $NO_2$  concentration would be expected and our kinetic studies do not show this. In any event no peak at the  $2.3\mu$  region occurs in the H +  $NO_2$  system and therefore we conclude that the  $2.3\mu$  peak is no OH emission, but rather CO first overtone emission. Using the NO + O calibration, we find that the ratio of the  $1.5\mu$  intensity to the  $2.7\mu$  intensity is 0.447 compared to the value of  $0.44 \pm .03$  determined by Murphy (1971) for the OH overtone to fundamental intensity ratio.

Figure 5. The emission spectrum in the fundamental and first overtone of OH due to the reaction  $H+O_3$  from Murphy, (1971).

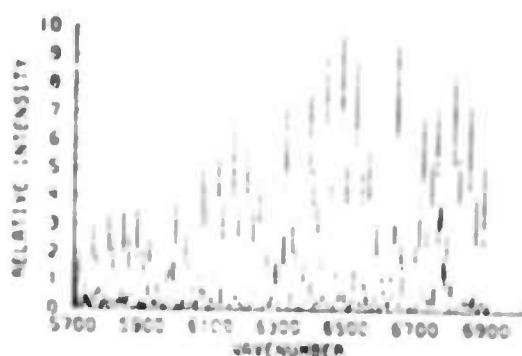
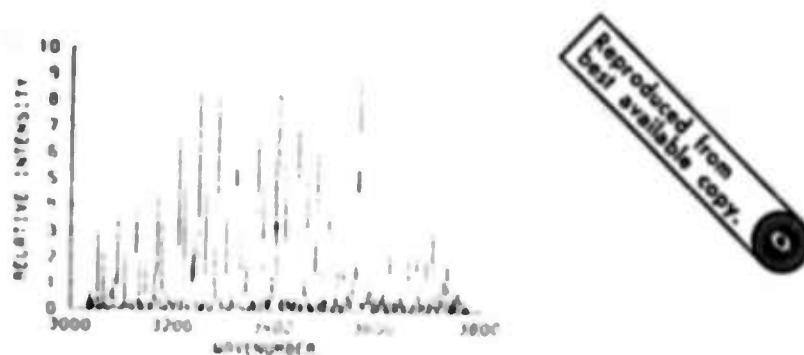


Figure 2. A comparison of the infrared emission spectra for the reactions  $O + N_2H_4$ ,  $O + C_2H_4$  and  $H + NO_2$ . Concentrations of  $O$  and  $H$  were approximately  $10\mu$  and the concentrations of  $N_2H_4$ ,  $C_2H_4$  and  $NO_2$  were approximately  $2\mu$ ,  $10\mu$ , and  $4.5\mu$  respectively. All spectra were taken at a contact time of less than 2 msec. Both  $O$  and  $H$  were diluted in a stream consisting primarily of He.

$H + NO_2 \rightarrow$ ;  $2000\mu$  slits,  $50\mu vFS$ ,  $100\mu FS$ ,  $\tau = 10$ , 1 RPM, 5 Min/in,  $800\mu He$ ,  $200\mu H_2$ ,  $5\mu NO_2$ ,  $5\mu$  1st WINDOW.

$O + C_2H_4 \rightarrow$ ;  $1000\mu$  slits,  $50\mu vFS$ ,  $100\mu FS$ ,  $\tau = 10$ , 1 RPM, 5 Min/in,  $10\mu C_2H_4$ ,  $800\mu He$ ,  $200\mu O_2$ ,  $11\mu O$  1st WINDOW.

$O + N_2H_4 \rightarrow$ ;  $2000\mu$  slits,  $20\mu vfs$ ,  $100\mu FS$ ,  $\tau = 3$ , 2 Min/in, 4 RPM,  $2\mu N_2H_4$ ,  $900\mu He$ ,  $90\mu O_2$ ;  $11\mu O$ ; 1st WINDOW.

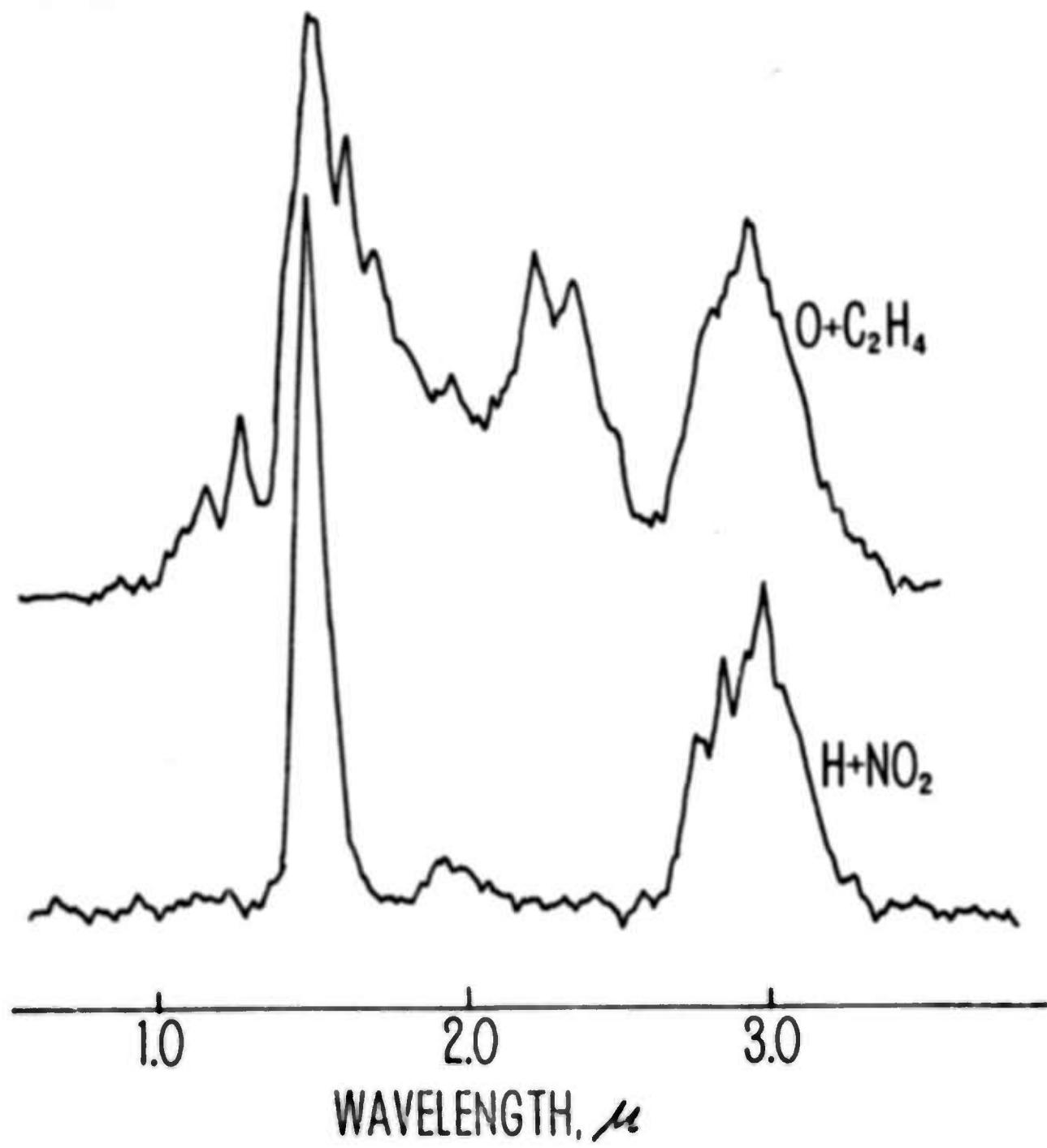


Figure 6.

Figure 7. A comparison of the infrared emission spectrum of  $O + C_2H_4$  and  $H + NO_2$ . Conditions are similar to those of Figure 6 except that pure oxygen was discharged to obtain  $O$  atoms and no He was added. Hence a great excess of  $O_2$  exists in this system.

$H + NO_2 \rightarrow$  :  $4.5 \mu NO_2$ ,  $200 \mu H_2$ ,  $800 \mu He$ ,  $4 \mu H_2$   $2000 \mu$  slits,  $100 \mu$  FS,  
 $20 \mu$  vFS, 1 RPM  $\frac{2 \text{ Min}}{\text{in}}$ ,  $\tau = 10$ , 1st WINDOW.

$O + C_2H_4 \rightarrow$  :  $2000 \mu$  slits,  $630 \mu O_2$ ,  $4.5 \mu C_2H_4$   $100 \mu$  FS,  
 $100 \mu$  vFS,  $\tau = 3$ , 1 RPM,  $\frac{2 \text{ Min}}{\text{in}}$ , 1st WINDOW.

An additional test for these tentative identifications might be achieved by adding a reactant which preferentially eliminates one of the possible radiators by reaction or energy transfer. One candidate is CO, which undergoes a moderately fast reaction with OH but is not expected to alter H<sub>2</sub>O emission. Energy transfer by excited CO to added "cool" CO might also be expected to alter the CO intensity distribution. This effect is readily observed by addition of CO to the oxygen atom plus acetylene system in Figure 8, where 290 $\mu$  of CO is added to the reaction mixtures. The total intensity of the CO first overtone is greatly reduced and the distribution is altered slightly. As illustrated in Figure 9, an even more pronounced effect occurs at the 2.3 $\mu$  peak in the O + C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> spectrum at the same CO concentration. At this concentration of CO, little effect on the peaks at 1.4 and 2.7 $\mu$  was observed. With a rate constant of 1.5  $\times$  10<sup>-13</sup> cc/sec for the reaction



we would expect an effective first order rate constant of  $1.5 \times 10^{-13} = 1.5 \times 10^3$ ,

for the loss mechanism of OH via this reaction. This must be compared to the other loss mechanism for OH $\cdot$ ,



which has a rate constant of approximately  $4 \times 10^{-11}$  cc/sec. Hence, with an oxygen atom concentration of approximately  $3 \times 10^{14}/cc$  the dominant OH loss mechanism remains O atom attack, with an effective first order rate constant of  $1.2 \times 10^4$ .

In the case of the H + NO<sub>2</sub> system, where OH $\cdot$  loss is

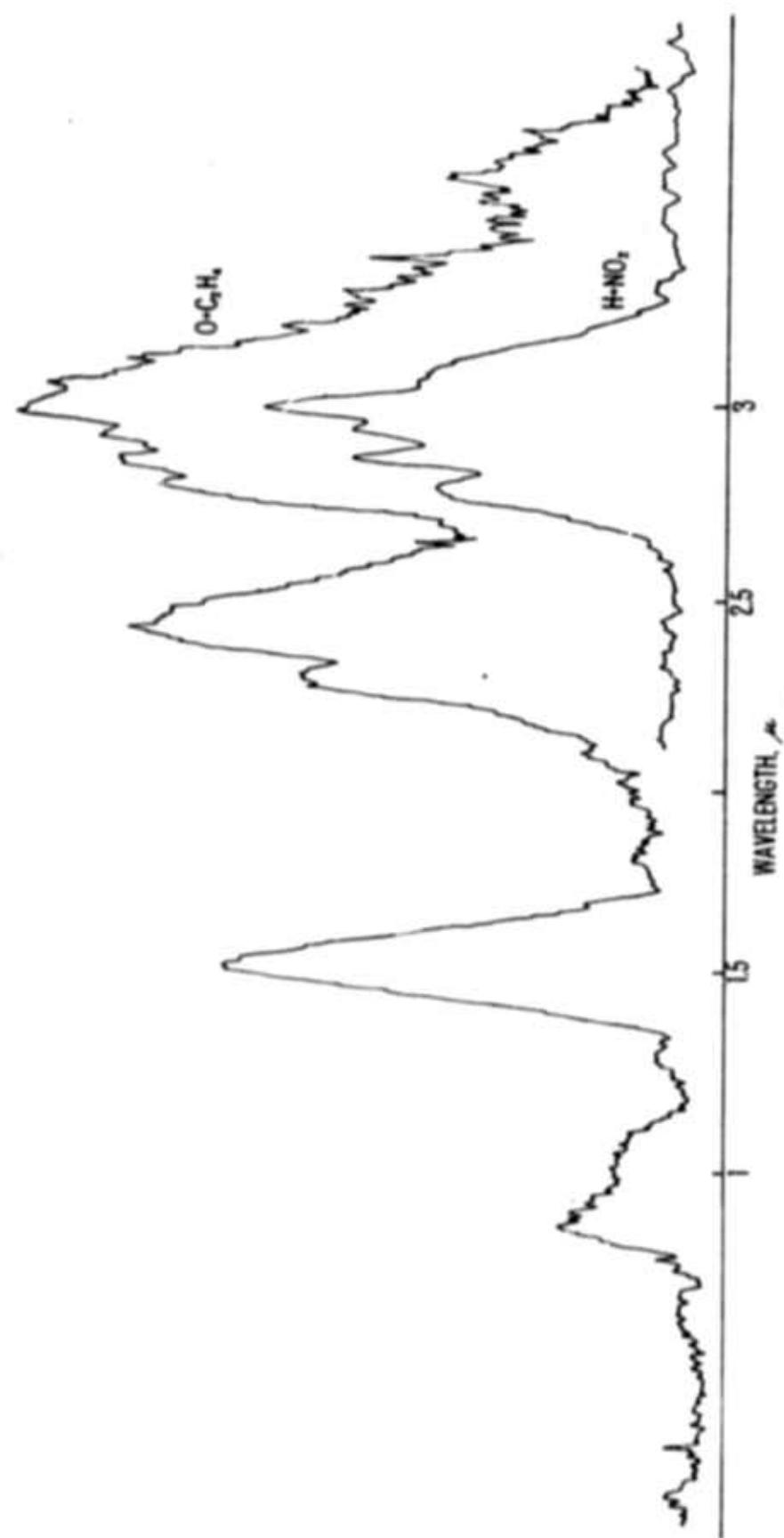


Figure 7.

Figure 8. The effect of an addition of  $150\mu$  of CO to the  
 $O + C_2H_2$  system.

Conditions for both:  $1000\mu$  slits,  $\frac{2}{5}$  RPM,  $\frac{5 \text{ Min}}{\text{in}}$ ,  $\tau = 10$ ,  
 $50\mu$  vFS  $59\mu$   $C_2H_2$ ,  $208\mu$   $O_2$ ,  $812\mu$  He,  $\sim 8\mu$   $O$   $270\mu$  Ar.

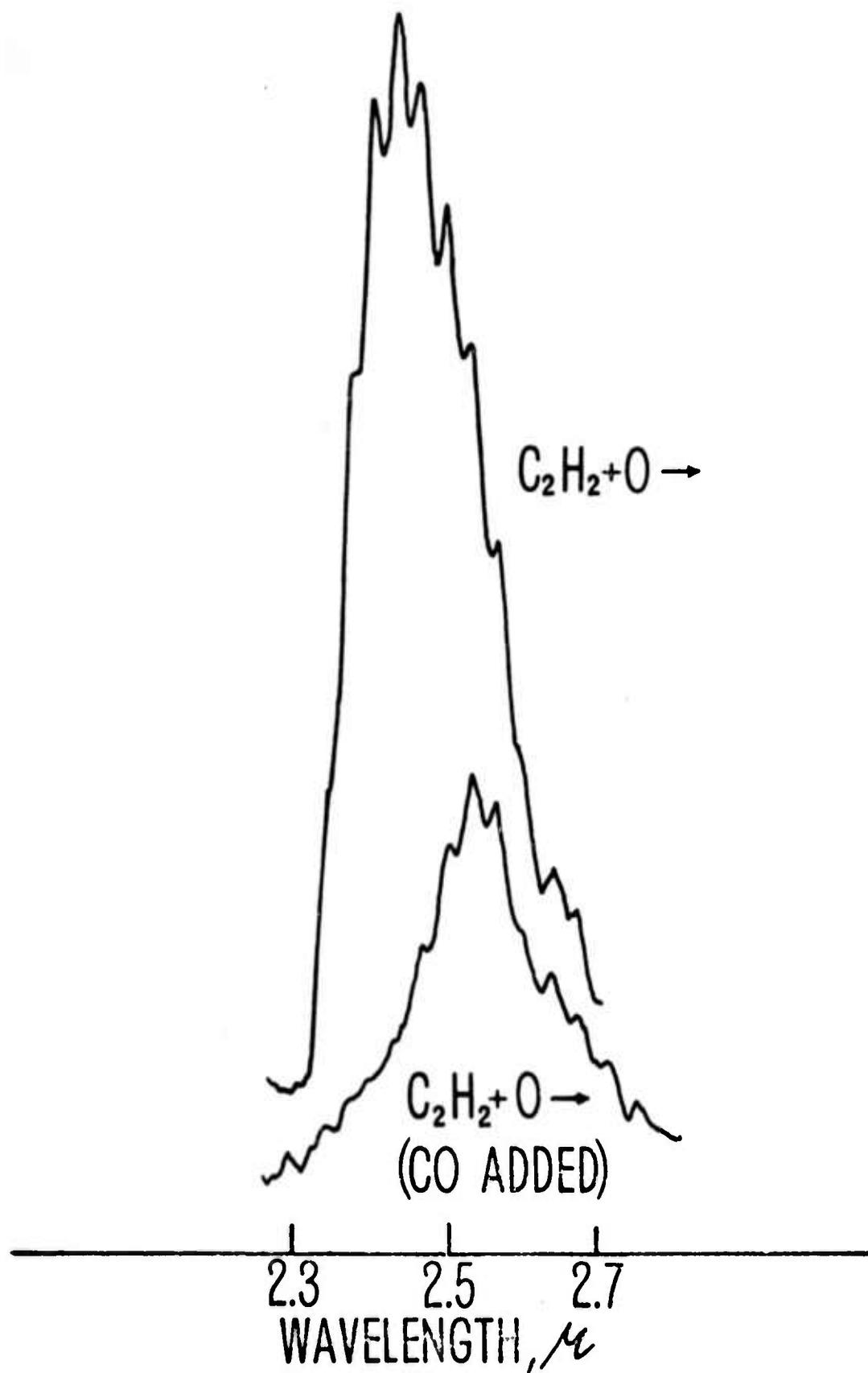


Figure 8.

Figure 9. The effect of additives on the  $0 + C_2H_4$  emission spectrum.  $240 \mu C_0_2$  and  $236 \mu CO$  were added.

Conditions for all:  $1000 \mu$  slits, 1 RPM,  $\frac{5 \text{ Min}}{\text{in}}$ ,  $\tau = 10$ ,  
 $50 \mu vFS$ ,  $100 \mu FS$ ,  $50 \mu C_2H_4$ ,  $208 \mu O_2$   $812 \mu He$ ,  $8 \mu O$ , 1st (KB<sub>r</sub>) WINDOW.

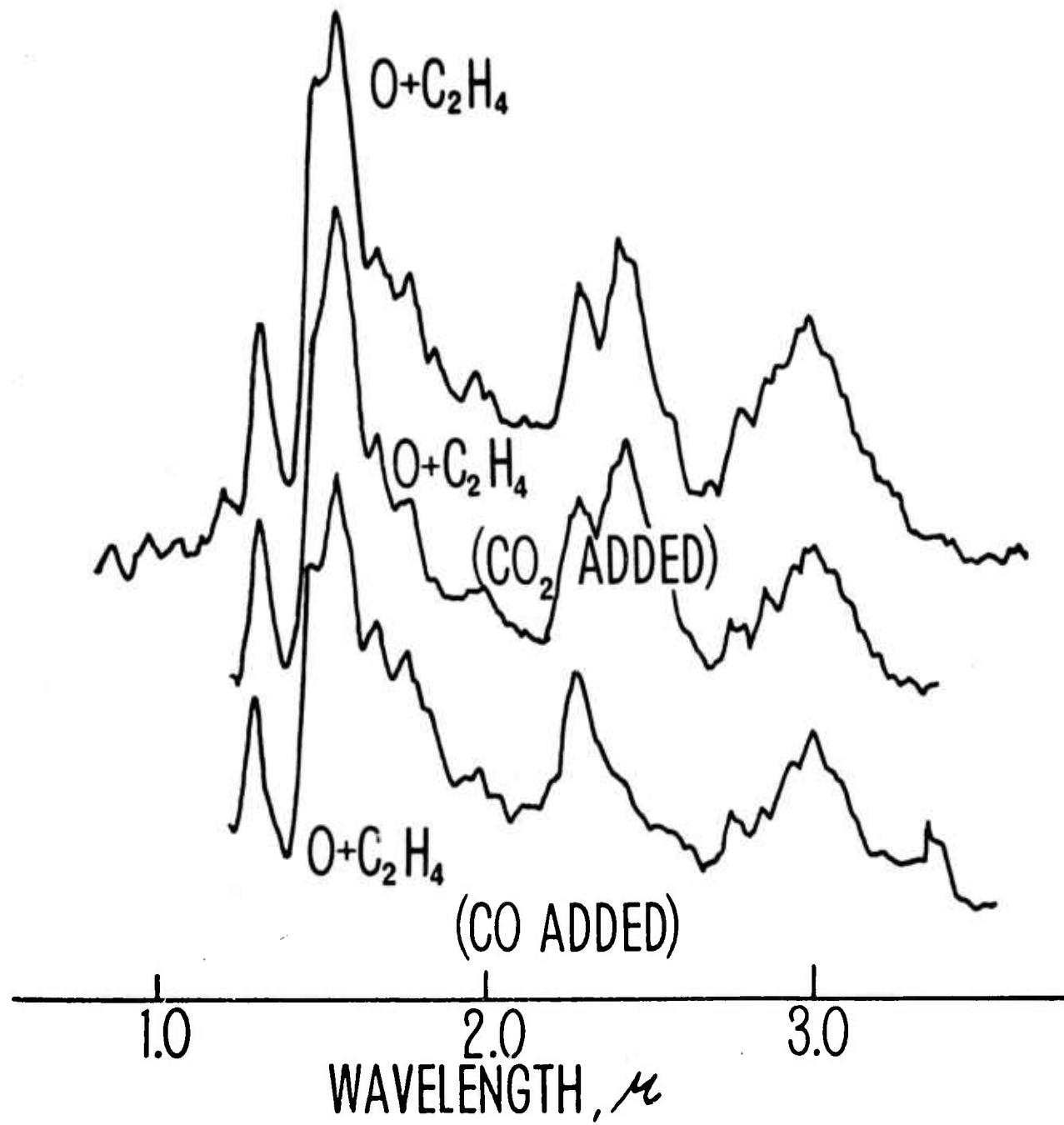


Figure 9.

presumably via



a much slower reaction, it should be possible to attenuate the OH signal via CO scavenging. As shown in Figure 10 this indeed does happen. In addition, other species which react with OH have been added to this system. In general, we see from Figure 10 that the more rapid the reaction with OH, the smaller the signal in both the OH fundamental and the OH overtone. The overtone decreases more rapidly than the fundamental, which is consistent with the narrowing of the fundamental band also observed.

Thus, we conclude on the basis of kinetic arguments as well as spectral arguments that the observed emission at  $2.7\mu$  is due to the OH fundamental and the emission at  $1.5\mu$  is the OH overtone.

As shown in Figure 11, we also observe these features in the H + HO<sub>2</sub> system; however, the conditions necessary to achieve this signal level in Figure 11 make it impossible to permit H + HO<sub>2</sub> to be the cause of the OH emission in the O + C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> system.

In summary, we present in Figure 12, a compilation of infrared signatures at a contact time of 2 msec due to O atom attack on various hydrocarbons.

Figure 10. The effect of additives on the H+NO<sub>2</sub> infrared emission signal.

Conditions Common to All: 2000<sub>μ</sub> slits,  $\frac{5 \text{ min}}{\text{in}}$ , 1 RPM, 774<sub>μ</sub> He, 222<sub>μ</sub> H<sub>2</sub>, 5<sub>μ</sub> NO<sub>2</sub> 1st WINDOW,  $\tau=10$ , 100<sub>μ</sub> vF.S.

Starting from Top:

NO<sub>2</sub>+H + (Ar): 1 Torr Ar, 1 Torr F.S.

NO<sub>2</sub>+H + (CO): 780<sub>μ</sub> CO, 1 Torr F.S.

NO<sub>2</sub>+H + (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>): 310<sub>μ</sub> C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, 1 Torr F.S.

NO<sub>2</sub>+H + (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>): 0.5 Torr C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, 1 Torr F.S.

NO<sub>2</sub>+H + (n-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>): 370<sub>μ</sub> n-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>, 1 Torr F.S.

NO<sub>2</sub>+H + (C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>): 345<sub>μ</sub> C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, 1 Torr F.S.

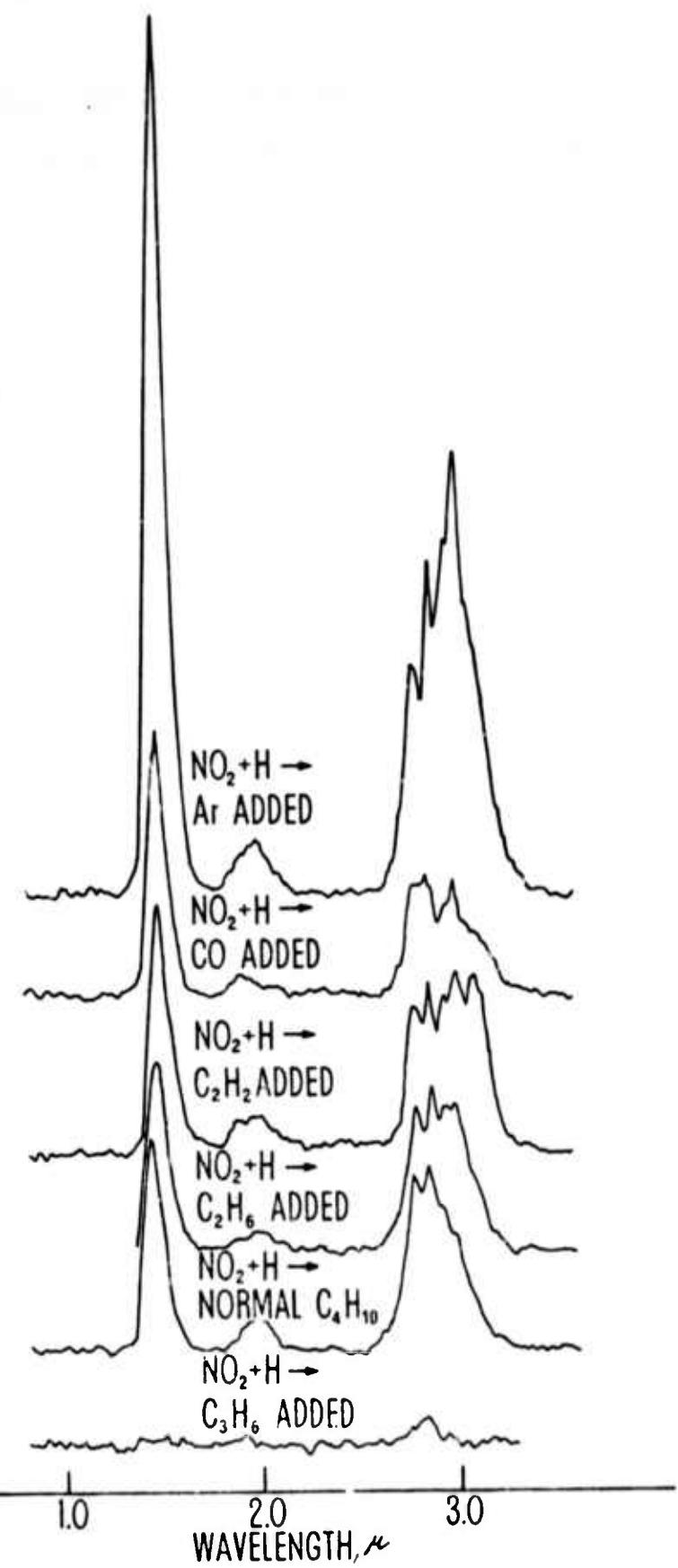


Figure 10.

Figure 11. A comparison between the  $H+NO_2$  and  $H+HO_2$  infrared emission signals. Exactly  $3200\mu$   $O_2$  was added to the  $H_2$  in He discharge in order to observe the  $H+HO_2$  signal at a contact time of 2 msec.

Conditions for Both:  $2000\mu$  Slits,  $\tau=10$ , 1st WINDOW  $100\mu$  F.S.,  $100\mu$  v F.S., IRPM,  $\frac{5 \text{ min}}{\text{in}}$ ,  $222\mu H_2$ ,  $774\mu He$ .,  $5\mu NO_2$ .

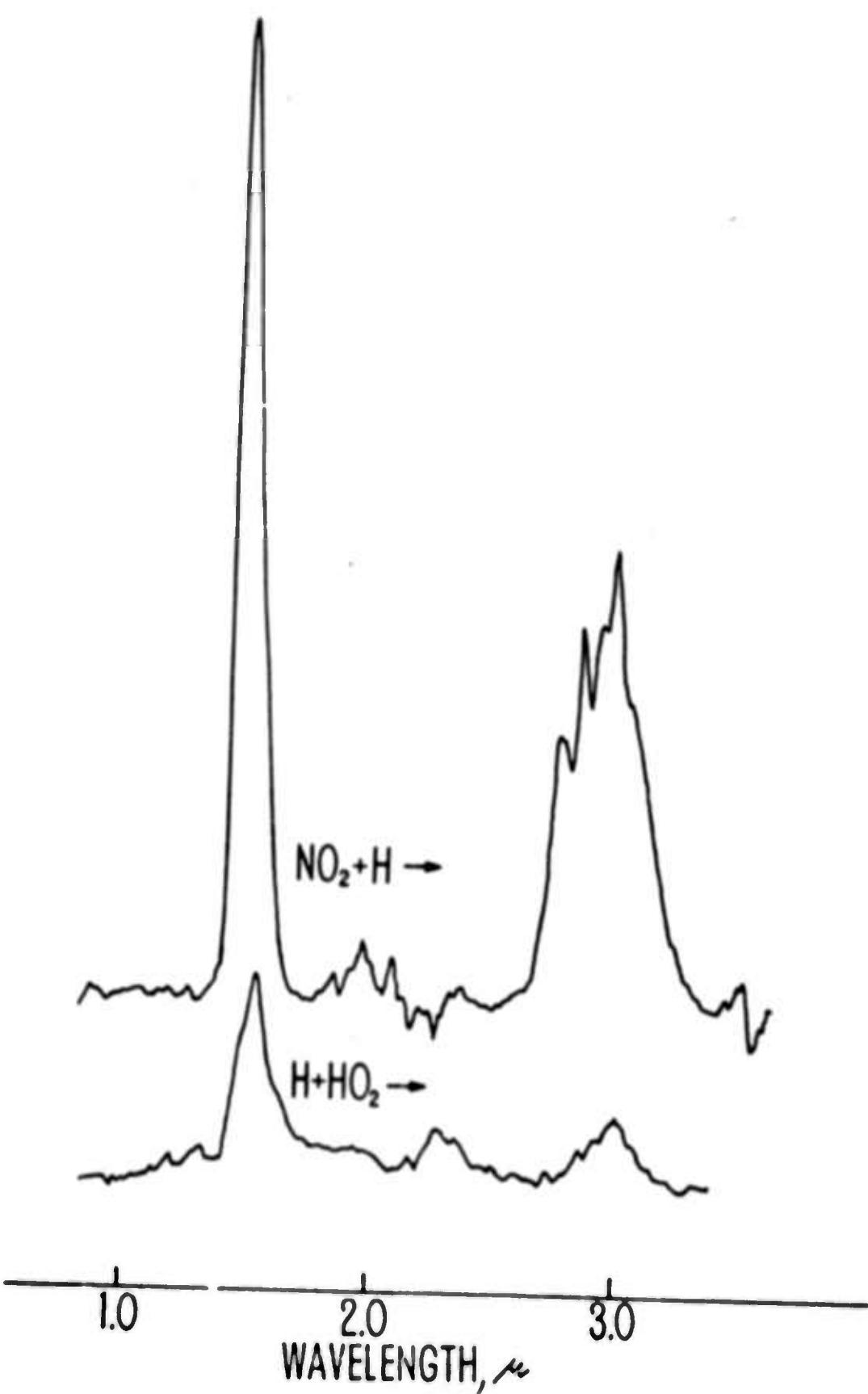


Figure 11.

Figure 12. A Summary of infrared signatures initiated by O atom attack on selected hydrocarbons.

Conditions for All: 1000  $\mu$  Slits, IRPM  $\frac{5 \text{ min}}{\text{in}}$ ,  $\tau=10$  50  $\mu$  vF.S.,  
100  $\mu$  F.S., 1st WINDOW, 774  $\mu$  He 195  $\mu$  O<sub>2</sub>, 250  $\mu$  Ar.

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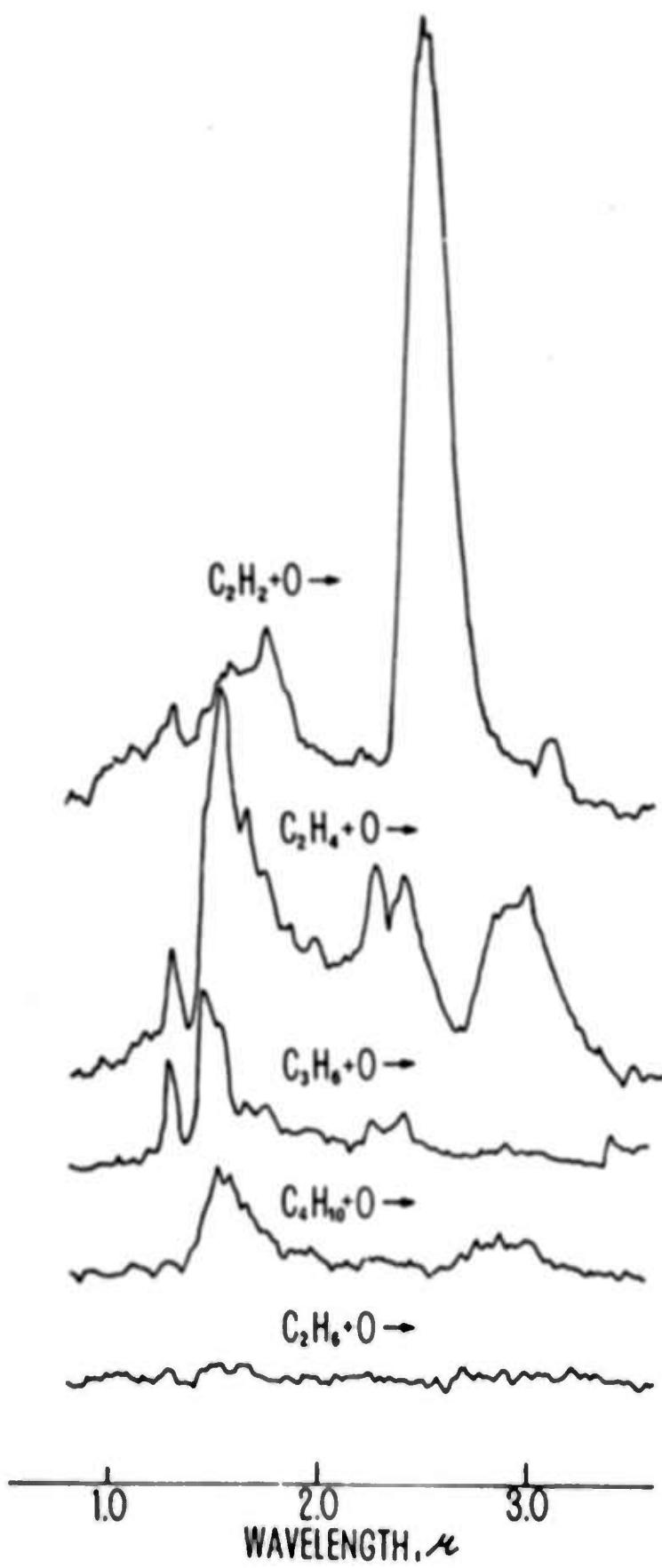


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## THEORETICAL DETERMINATION OF VIBRATIONAL EXCITATION OF MOLECULES

The theoretical program at RIES has been primarily concerned with the calculation of cross sections for the vibrational excitation of molecules by heavy body collisions. This is carried out using a numerical close coupling solution of the wave equation for the colliding system based on the breathing sphere model of Schwartz, Slawsky and Herzfeld (1954) to represent the target molecular vibrator, and an empirical spherically symmetric scattering potential.

Many reactions of interest in the upper atmosphere involve collisions between molecules and atomic oxygen. However, except for a semi-empirical estimate of the CO-O(<sup>1</sup>D) interaction (Marriott, 1970) the central potentials necessary for the calculation of these excitation cross sections have not been available until recently.

As detailed in Part III of this report, potentials of the form

$$V(r) = A \exp(-Br)$$

have now been determined experimentally for a number of collision systems of interest. The parametric values required by the collision code are shown in Table 1.

Up to the present time, using this data excitation cross sections have been calculated for the CO-O(<sup>3</sup>P) and N<sub>2</sub>-O(<sup>3</sup>P) systems. Preliminary results based on the coupling of three

molecular vibrational states are shown in Table 2, together with the CO-CO and CO-O(<sup>1</sup>D) values for comparison.

Although no direct cross section measurements are available for checking these theoretical results, experimental determinations of certain rate coefficients are available (center-1973) and these can in turn be calculated using the cross sections. Thus an indirect comparison with experiment can be obtained and this calculation is presently underway.

In addition to the above, the previous report outlined a recent extension of the original vibration-translation collision code to include vibration-vibration exchange processes. The need for further extension to include virtual states was established if the code was to continue to be able to calculate cross sections at collision energies of interest (i.e.: below 1-2 eV).

The code has now been reconstructed to allow for the occurrence of these virtual states. At this time the new subroutines are being debugged.

Our present plans for future work include the following:

- (a) Complete the debugging of the new v-v code including the effects of virtual states.
- (b) Complete the vibrational excitation cross section calculations for all the collision systems for which O-molecule scattering potentials are now available (Table 1).

(c) Apply the full code initially to a detailed study of vibrational excitation processes in CO, including the effects of vibration-vibration exchange and virtual states. The results will be analysed in comparison with previous theory and experiment to estimate the "physical" reliability of the overall calculation.

Table 1. Experimental central potential parameters for the interaction  $V(r) = A \exp(-Br)$  for various  $O(^3P)$ -molecule collisions.

<u>System</u>	<u>A (atomic units)</u>	<u>B (<math>a_0^{-1}</math>)</u>	<u>Expt. range (eV)</u>
O - CO	30.77	1.7447	13.6 - 0.4
O - $N_2$	20.92	1.6108	14.8 - 0.4
O - NO	38.13	1.7717	13.4 - 0.4
O - $H_2$	18.38	2.1474	14.9 - 0.4
O - $O_2$	62.43	1.9151	12.4 - 0.4
O - $CO_2$	75.55	1.7214	12.4 - 0.4
O - $H_2O$	52.02	1.9579	12.9 - 0.4

Table 2. Calculated cross sections for the vibrational excitation of  $N_2$  and CO assuming coupling between the first three vibrational levels.

Collision system: $N_2 - O(^3P)$	$CO - O(^3P)$	$CO - CO^{\dagger}$	$CO - O(^1D)^{\ddagger}$
	<u>Coll. energy (eV)</u>	<u><math>Q_{01}(\pi a_0^2)</math></u>	<u><math>Q_{01}(\pi a_0^2)</math></u>
0.266	0.000	0.000	0.000
0.292	0.000	-----	-----
0.6	-----	-----	0.117(+2) **
0.8	0.578(-8)	0.410(-6)	-----
0.85	-----	-----	-----
1.0	0.178(-5)	0.680(-5)	0.56(-4)
1.5	0.214(-4)	0.339(-3)	0.12(-1)
2.0	0.277(-3)	0.265(-2)	0.70 (+1)
2.5	-----	-----	0.22
			0.60 (+1)

\*\*Figure in brackets shows power of ten by which number must be multiplied.

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PART III: Determination of the Intermolecular Potentials  
between Oxygen Atoms and Plume Species.

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A molecular beam apparatus donated by NASA has been used to measure intermolecular potentials required as input for close coupled calculations of excitation cross sections.

Apparent cross sections for different energies are determined by measuring the attenuations of a fast (50 - 2500 eV) atom beam in passing through a scattering gas. The interaction potential is calculated from these cross sections and the scattering geometry.

The molecular beam apparatus used in this experiment is shown in Fig. IVa. Atomic ions are produced in the ion source. The ion beam is analyzed and the selected ions are focused, collimated and decelerated to the required energy prior to neutralization in a charge exchange chamber. Just before entering the charge exchange chamber the ion beam is deflected to prevent high energy neutrals, formed by neutralization with the background gas, to be mixed with lower energetic atoms. The neutralized beam is finally passed through the scattering chamber and detected with a channeltron multiplier. The beam intensity is measured as a function of the scattering gas pressure, and the cross sections  $S$  can be calculated according to:

$$S = - \frac{1}{n\ell} \ln \left( \frac{I}{I_0} \right)$$

Where  $I$  = attenuated beam flux.

$I_0$  = incident beam flux.

$n$  = scattering gas density.

$n \ell$  = path length in scattering gas.

The equipment was tested by measuring the He-He potential for which accurate theoretical calculations are available. Excellent agreement was obtained with these theoretical results.

The repulsive potentials for oxygen atoms and several atoms and molecules have been calculated from measured incomplete scattering cross sections of fast-atom beams. These fast beams were produced by neutralizing either positive or negative O-ion beams in a charge exchange gas.  $H_2O$ , Xe,  $O_2$  and Kr were used as charge exchange gases.

The results are given in the form of Born-Mayer potentials in the following table.

Oxygen-atom Potentials

$$Ae^{-br} \quad r_1 < r < r_u \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} A \text{ in eV} \\ b \text{ in } \text{\AA}^{-1} \\ r_1, r_u \text{ in } \text{\AA} \end{array} \right\}$$

Species	A	b	$r_1$	$r_u$	Exchange Reactions
$N_2$	569	3.044	1.20	2.37	$O^+$ , $H_2O$
CO	837	3.297	1.25	2.32	$O^+$ , $H_2O$
$CO_2$	2055	3.253	1.57	2.64	$O^+$ , $H_2O$
$H_2$	500	4.058	0.865	1.75	$O^+$ , Xe
NO	1037	3.348	1.30	2.35	$O^+$ , Xe
$H_2O$	1415	3.700	1.27	2.22	$O^+$ , Xe
$O_2$	1698	3.619	1.36	2.32	$O^+$ , Xe
He	355	3.728	0.833	1.80	$O^-$ , $O_2$
Ne	1415	3.984	1.18	2.06	$O^-$ , $O_2$
Ar	745	3.184	1.25	2.36	$O^-$ , $O_2$
Kr	1040	3.239	1.34	2.43	$O^-$ , $O_2$
Xe	1470	3.303	1.44	2.50	$O^-$ , $O_2$
He	360	3.702	0.844	1.82	$O^+$ , Xe
Ne	1312	3.988	1.16	2.04	$O^+$ , Xe
Ne	1125	3.864	1.15	2.06	$O^+$ , Kr

In addition the incomplete cross sections have been measured for the following combinations and potentials are being calculated:

He-He

Ne-Ne

Ar-Ar

Kr-Kr

Xe-Xe

He-Ne

Ne-Ar

Ar-Kr

Kr-Xe

He-Ar

Ne-Kr

Ar-Xe

He-Kr

Ne-Xe

He-Xe

and H-He, D-He.

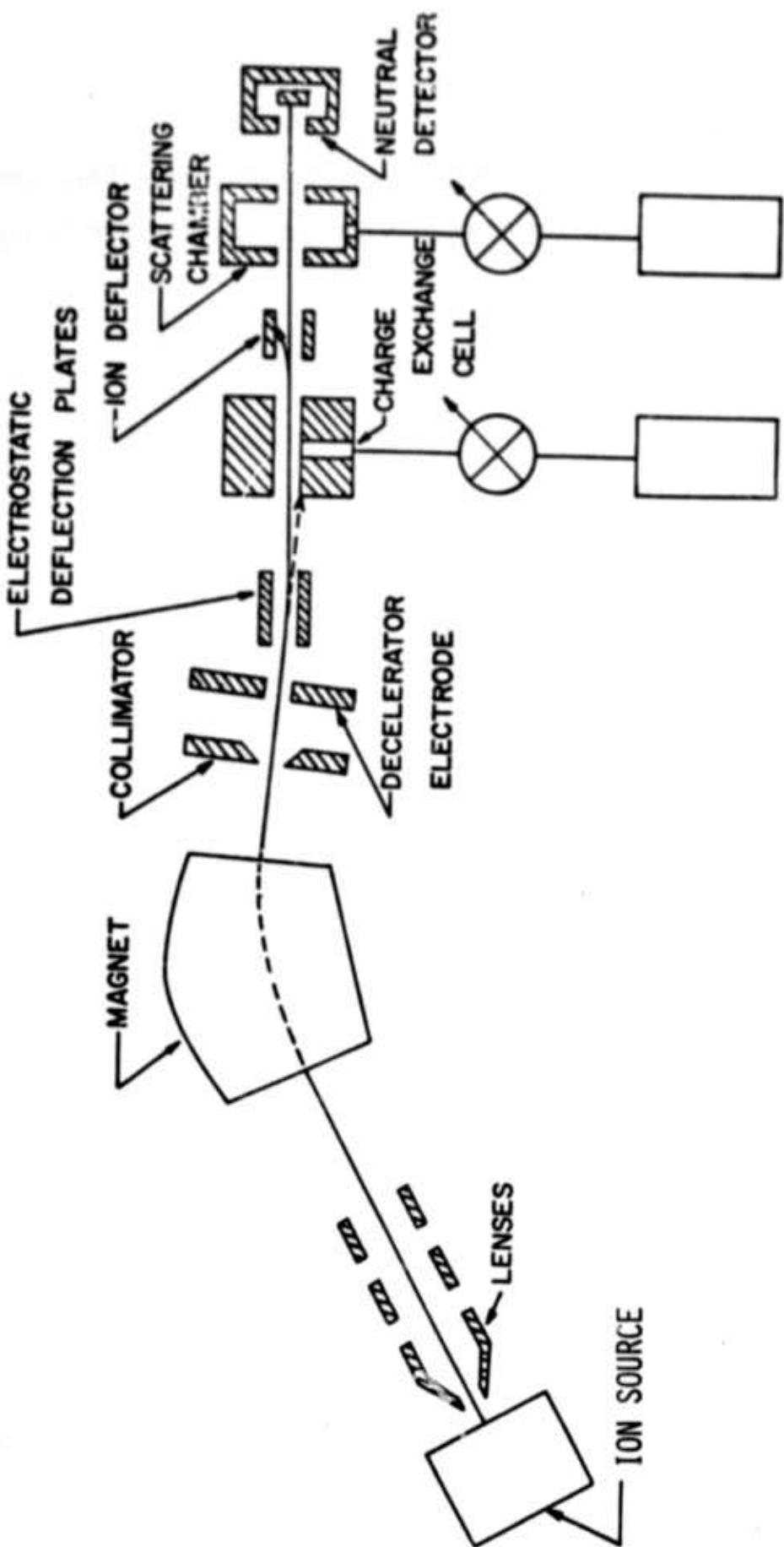


Figure Iva. Amdur-type molecular beam apparatus at Wayne State.